

Collated

July 11th 1839.

W. Charles C. Lyon was

Examination of sworn.

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Taylor 10.

Has been in the Mint since February 1838 & is employed at cleaning, milling and whitening plates & sheets.

Thinks as far as Depo-
-ments observation has extend-
-ed, the work in the Coiner's
department has been dili-
-gently conducted. In depo-
-ments branch the Machinery
has been well taken care of.
As far as he has observed the
machinery in the other branches
of the Department it appeared
to work well some parts
of the Machinery have been out
of order from the settling
of the building - Deponent
has but little acquaintance
with the subject of machinery, ex-
-cept what he has gathered
since he has been in the Mint
Has formed the impression from
observation of M. Taylor's conduct
that he has been anxious
to expedite his work as fast
as circumstances would.

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admit, has always thought from his conduct & attention to business that he was zealous, has frequently found him employed after the regular business hours of the Mint.

Before Mr. Brown's discharge has heard Mr. Brown express approbation of Mr. Tyler's competency to fill his station has heard Brown approve of the alteration of the coining presses & Penny also.

Questioned by the Commissioner

Ques. Do you think that the public interest would be promoted by the removal of Mr. Tyler & the substitution of Mr. Penny or Mr. Brown in his stead.

Ans. That he ~~he~~ does not think so.

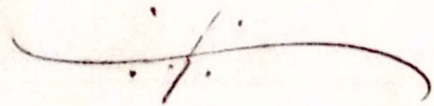
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Mr. Tyler

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Mr. John Moody was sworn.
 Has been in the Mint
 since the 12th of December
 1837 - I am employed in an-
 making - Considers Mr. Tyler
 a very attentive man to
 his business - The men in
 Depoiment's branch of the
 Coining department are
 kept diligently at work.
 Considers Mr. Tyler's conduct
 towards his men to be good
 has heard Mr. Brown say,
 the Steam Engine was not
 a good one & wished he
 could get Mr. Tyler to make
 a new one, Depoiment ex-
 amined if Tyler could make
 one. Brown said that
 he Tyler could make a com-
 plete one, thinks the above
 remarks of Brown were
 after the engine was adjusted
 does not recollect the time
 exactly, but thinks it was
 shortly before they com-
 menced coining.



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M. Owen D. Bird was sworn.

Has been in the Mint since December 1837 last year was in the blacksmith shop, is now in the rolling room where he is foreman, the work in his branch is diligently carried on. Considers M. Tyler a very attentive man to his business. His conduct towards his men is very good, has worked for a good many men & never for a better than M. Tyler.

Questioned on behalf of M. Tyler.

Quest. Is M. Brown a man whom you would believe on his oath?

Ans. Dependent thinks he should not in matters where his (Brown's) interest was ~~not~~ concerned.

Quest. Did you ever hear M. Brown express any opinion as to M. Tyler's Mechanical abilities.

Ans. I have, soon after we first came & I heard M. Brown say that M. Tyler was as good a mechanic as he

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ever knew Deponent considers himself as having some acquaintance with the subject of machinery. Considers Brown a poor Mechanic as to the practical part. Has seen Brown undertake to do turning in iron. Thinks he could do as good a job himself though not professing to be a machinist; it was not well done. Brown did not appear to witness familiar with the use of tools. Deponent has been kept very steadily employed since he came here.

Has seen chips & sand in the stuffing box of the Engine it appeared to have been put there with the design of injuring the Engine. Witness showed it to W. Moody. Has endeavoured to find out who did this, but unsuccessfully. It might possibly some times have been accidental but some of these cases he is sure was the result of design. He supposes these things were done by some

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on personally hostile to him,
I wished to deprive Depo-
ment of his employment.

Garnition on behalf
of M. Bradford.

Being asked what are
his reasons for not believing
Brown on his oath, where
Brown might be inter-
ested.

Ans. He came to Depo-
ment one day, thinks in June 1838
told Depo-ment he had charge
of a Rail Road & wished
to get Depo-ment to run
an engine there.

Depo-ment gave him no encour-
agement about this & soon
afterwards found Brown was to
go away from the Mint. I witness
found afterwards he had no such en-
gagement, & did this to get Depo-
ment away from the Mint.

Being asked how does wit-
ness know, that Brown had no
such employment.

Ans. If Brown had had such
an employment, Brown would
have gone to it where
he, Brown, left the Mint.

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On behalf of M. Tyler.

Says, that there were some rolls of the rolling room that required grinding to make them true & both of size - this was done. Before they were ground, they were not fit for use; if rolls are not true the strips cannot be made correctly - The rolls were untrue before grinding.

On behalf of M. Bradford.

Their untruth might consist in being larger at one end than another, or larger in the middle than at the ends - or one longer than the other. The two rolls were put together to ascertain if they were true before grinding & they were screwed together, when they by looking through them, it was found they touched at some places & not at others. Deponent did this himself - Some of the rolls disagreed so much as to require a good deal of grinding having small holes in them

M. Bradford

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W. George Hooper was sworn.

Says that one morning in last April 1839 - Dependent came to the Mint about 6 o'clock in the morning. The two door keepers were at the porch of the main door. One of them said why this window has been left open. The door keeper then twisted the sash from the outside of the building & pushed open the inside shutters with his hand. The window was one of the windows of the Treasurer's office. The Treasurer's door was still locked as the door keeper said they, the door keepers, did not go into the Treasurer's room then.

W. Lasserre examined with reference to the paper headed by the words "Silver bullion deposited by Ligardie & Co." produced this morning by W. Maywell to take the weighing book to his room. That one day he found W. Bradford copying certain

W. George Hooper

W. Lasserre

* could have seen of W. Bradford says that it had been the place of W. Maywell's

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entries from the Merch book
 Mr. Bradfords had partly
 written it down to the N^o
 7 as stated by Mr. Bradford
 Deponent told Mr. Brad-
 -ford he would copy the
 balance which deponent
 did & returned the paper
 to Mr. Bradford. Deponent
 does not know what
 these figures mean.

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inserted in the middle col-
 -umn in Deponent's hand-
 writing. Deponent request-
 -ed Mr. Bradford not to
 let the book be taken away
 any more by Maynell,
 that Maynell could always
 see the books at the Treas-
 -urers office when he wished
 to consult them. Deponent
 says perhaps the cause of
 the insertion of the said
 figures in the middle col-
 -umn might have been in
 -reference to the circumstance
 that there were 12 N^{os} before
 melting & 11 after melting but the trans-
 action
 was so long since

Mr. Cassere

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Question on behalf of
Mr. Bradford.

Did you ever mention
to Mr. Dimetry that the
conduct of Mr. Maywell to-
wards Dimetry in relation
to the Casals deposit was
highly improper, that you
had reasons of your own
for thinking so & that
you had not been in Mr.
Maywells house for 3 months.

Ans. I do not think I did
Deponent adds that he does
not trust much to his mem-
ory about matters which I do
not pay particular attention
to at the time. Deponent in
retation to a part of this en-
quiry says he has an indis-
tinct recollection of having
spoken of the interruption of
his personal intercourse with
Mr. Maywell & that perhaps
he may have said it was im-
proper in Mr. Maywell to charge
Mr. Dimetry with fraud
But deponent does not think
he expressed to Dimetry his
opinion about the merits of the

Wm. Dyer

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case.

A document is filed by Mr. Maywell which is acknowledged by Mr. Dimitry to be in his hand writing. So far as the figures in ink are concerned & which is requested to be forwarded in original.

The Commissioner here informed the parties that the testimony was now closed & that only one further meeting would be called on tomorrow at 1/2 past 4 O'clock precisely for the sole purpose of comparing the copies of documents which are to be forwarded as part of this investigation.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the examination before Thomas Shiller Esq. the Commissioner on the 4th of July 1839 of A. C. Lyon, Moody, Bird

T. Tyler

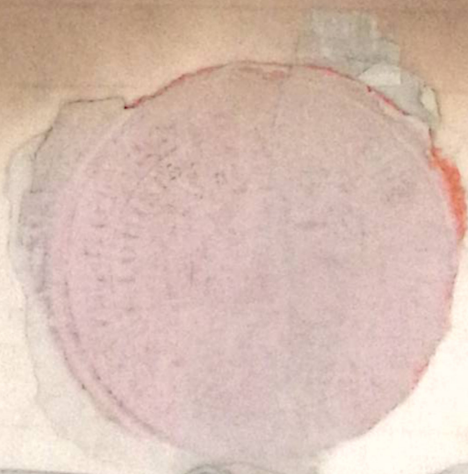
Shooper, Laffuse & Co. Esq.

In testimony whereof I have
hereto signed my name & affixed
the impress of my seal of office, at
the City of New Orleans on this 7th day
of August 1834

Francis Davis
Notary



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